## <u>Greens react to proposals to scrap</u> <u>jury trials</u>

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Reacting to proposals from the Justice Secretary, David Lammy, to <u>massively</u> <u>restrict the right to a jury trial</u>, Green MP Siân Berry said:

"This is yet another assault on our rights from an increasingly authoritarian government. This proposal would scrap a fundamental cornerstone of our justice system which has been in place for 800 years.

"For David Lammy to describe the right to trial by jury as 'not a right' is a disgrace. The Government must fund our justice system properly — not make people pay for Labour and Conservative austerity with their fundamental rights. The Green Party will fight these proposals all the way."

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